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QUARTERLY SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL ACTIONS

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

May 16, 2014

Personal Actions to Address Ocean Acidification subject of discussion by Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

CINMS Education Coordinator Laura Francis engaged the sanctuary advisory council in discussions about personal actions that can be taken to help address ocean acidification. The group reviewed a draft list of actions that includes a variety of choices adults can make with regard to lifestyle, transportation, energy use, and community involvement. For more information, contact laura.francis@noaa.gov.

2014 Sanctuary Classic Recreational Fishing and Photography Tournament plans presented to CINMS Advisory Council

Jenny Armstrong from the Sportfishing Conservancy presented on the 2014 Sanctuary Classic Recreational Fishing and Photography Tournament to the CINMS Advisory Council. The Sportfishing Conservancy is a non-profit group based in Southern California that promotes fishing and the enjoyment/use of sanctuaries throughout the country. The Conservancy is looking for photos that promote youth fishing, family fishing values, and enjoyment/respect of sanctuary waters. Participants can register and submit photos online at www.sanctuaryclassic.org. Each week 1 winner will be selected by the Sportfishing Conservancy and receive a prize from donations given by one of the event's sponsors, such as Patagonia. In addition, there will be eight \$500 scholarships given out at the end of the tournament. The organizers promote best fishing practices that cover techniques to increase the survival chances during catch and release, which are listed on the event's website. The Classic starts June 7th and lasts through September 1st.

Film producer Sam Tyler discusses Channel Islands documentary film at CINMS Advisory Council

Sam Tyler, a documentary film maker, discussed his upcoming documentary film on the Channel Islands with the CINMS Advisory Council. He has teamed up with a writer and cameraman/editor, along with other contacts and resources such as the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum and Channel Islands National Park. The film will be available completely for free and premiere as a 2-hour special. Currently, the working title is "The Story of California's Channel Islands" and has a planned release date of October 2015. The filmmakers are considering making eight half-hour shows with extra footage, possibly one for each island. CINMS Superintendent Chris Mobley and Maritime Heritage Coordinator Robert Schwemmer have been interviewed by the film makers, and CINMS is providing information to help. For more information visit <http://www.thecifilm.com/>.

UC Santa Barbara graduate students give presentation on *Evaluating Offshore Wind Energy Feasibility off the California Central Coast* at CINMS Advisory Council

Graduate students from UC Santa Barbara's Bren School of Environmental Science and Management gave a presentation summarizing their final project results evaluating offshore wind energy feasibility off the coast of Central California. The project evaluated permitting pathways while also completing a stakeholder analysis and spatial analysis for the counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura, to a distance of 100 km offshore. They found a potential for over 17 federal requirements, 8 state approvals, and 3 county approvals. According to their presentation, these burdens and uncertainties may pose a great barrier to developers. They also identified 17 key stakeholder groups, then sent out public surveys and completed key stakeholder interviews. A majority of respondents supported offshore energy, but perceived concerns to the viewshed, birds, and marine mammals. Their spatial analysis looked at 7 variables identified during stakeholder interviews (wind and electrical infrastructure, benthic substrate, Department of Defense Sea Range, salmon fishing grounds, dragging grounds for fishing, bird biodiversity, and marine mammal presence) to help them determine areas of highest suitability. They concluded by recommending to streamline the permitting process, address opponent concerns among stakeholders who fear negative impacts, and the need for better spatial data to improve the site selection process. For more information, visit <http://www.calwindproject.com/>.

Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

June 25, 2014

The Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS) Advisory Council approved a letter in support of the proposed expansion of CBNMS from Chair George Clyde to Maria Brown, to be submitted as comment on Regulations.gov docket NOAA-NOS-2012-0228. The letter also stated the advisory council was opposed to proposed section 922.12(d) of the regulations regarding authorization authority over projects approved by other agencies in CBNMS, and advised that matter be considered separately from the proposed expansion. The advisory council had discussed the proposal during the joint May 1st meeting with the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council but had deferred taking action at that time.

The CBNMS advisory council also approved the "Call to Action from the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee and the National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Councils, Destination Marine Protected Areas: Sustaining America's Most Treasured Ocean Places for Recreation and Stewardship." The draft call to action had been approved at the Galveston meeting of advisory council chairs and Federal Advisory Committee members, and shows commitment to Executive Order 13597 to federal agencies to increase travel and tourism in the United States.

Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

May 1, 2014

Gulf of the Farallones Advisory Council Submits Three Comments on the Sanctuary Expansion Proposal

At a joint meeting of the Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank Advisory Councils at Bodega Bay Grange Hall, both councils reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed Rule and Draft Revised Management Plans for the proposed expansions of the two aforementioned sanctuaries. The Gulf of the Farallones Advisory Council passed three resolutions, and requested

that they be formally submitted as public comment. The three resolutions can be found at these links:

- [Resolution in Support of Proposed Boundary Expansion](#)
- [Resolution Opposing Authorizations in Proposed Boundary Expansion](#)
- [Resolution Opposing Creation of Motorized Personal Watercraft Zones in Proposed Boundary Expansion Area](#)

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

[April 25, 2014](#)

MBNMS Advisory Council Elects New Officers

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council appointed their new executive committee. PJ Webb, Citizen At-Large, is the new chair; Gary Pezzi, Recreation, is the new vice chair; and Dan Haifley, Citizen At-Large, is the new secretary.

MBNMS Advisory Council Approves Reaffirmation of their 2013 Resolution on the Introduced Species Rule

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council passed a motion to reaffirm their April 2014 resolution stating they encourage the MBNMS to finalize the proposed regulations as appropriate to ensure that the integrity of the marine ecosystem within the sanctuaries is maintained for future generations, in accordance with the purposes of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. The advisory council also encourages the State of California to support applicability of these federal regulatory protections to state waters within the sanctuaries. The April 2013 resolution on introduced species is available on the advisory council's website at http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/2013/130418/130418resolution_introduced-final.pdf

MBNMS Advisory Council Commends MBNMS for its Work on Leatherback Sea Turtles

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council passed a motion to commend the MBNMS for its contribution to the Pacific Leatherback Summit; encourages the MBNMS to continue coordinating the signing of the international Memorandum of Agreement developed at the Summit; encourages the MBNMS to work to establish a Sister Sanctuary relationship with the Abun Marine Protected Area where California Leatherbacks nest; and encourages the Sanctuary Education Panel to continue ongoing work on Leatherback Educational Exchanges with Indonesia.

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

[May 16, 2014](#)

OCNMS Advisory Council Approves Tourism Working Group's Final Recommendation Letter and Report

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) Advisory Council approved a recommendation letter and final report from the Tourism Working Group (TWG). The final recommendations called for OCNMS to devote staff time and energy to initiate the top prioritized TWG recommendations. The purpose of the TWG was to identify opportunities for OCNMS to serve visitors to the Olympic Peninsula and to support the tourism industry's awareness of and protection of sanctuary resources. After compiling results from a survey given to different tourism

experts and stakeholders throughout the Olympic Peninsula, TWG members ranked all proposed strategies and ideas by set criteria. All ideas (22) were valuable and worth pursuing; however given sanctuary resources (financial, staff) and legal limitations, the members highlighted six priority action items. The top tier recommendations related to supporting stewardship tourism (voluntourism) and supporting tourism businesses:

1. Strengthen and create new partnerships with other natural resource agencies to help develop and promote volunteer tourism and stewardship opportunities in the region
2. Continue citizen science programs and look to develop other citizen science opportunities that can engage visitors rather than just residents
3. Increase use of social media for OCNMS and related activities attractive to visitors, focusing on activities and outreach opportunities rather than specific businesses
4. Partner on working to bring science programs, research and conferences to the Olympic Peninsula, encouraging participants and their families to visit the area in conjunction
5. Participate and present at annual Olympic Peninsula Tourism Summit in mid-October through Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau
6. Include nature-based tour operators on sanctuary's website in a way that is legal and appropriate for OCNMS

The letter was forwarded from OCNMS Superintendent Carol Bernthal to ONMS Director Dan Basta and West Coast Regional Director Bill Douros.

The OCNMS Advisory Council's final recommendation letter and report is available on the advisory council's website at

http://olympiccoast.noaa.gov/involved/sac/report_twg_recommendationreport_2014.pdf.
